

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of treating cancer in a dog, comprising the step of feeding the dog a therapeutic agent comprising a vitamin D analog.
  2. The method of claim 1, wherein the vitamin D analog is selected from the group consisting of  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2D_3$ ,  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-16\text{-ene-}23\text{-yne-}D_3$  (analog V), and  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-22,24\text{-diene-}24,26,27\text{-trihomo-}D_3$  (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.  
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  3. The method of claim 2, wherein the vitamin D analog is  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2D_3$  and stereoisomers thereof.  
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  4. The method of claim 2, wherein the vitamin D analog is  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-16\text{-ene-}23\text{-yne-}D_3$  (analog V) and stereoisomers thereof.  
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  5. The method of claim 2, wherein the vitamin D analog is  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-22,24\text{-diene-}24,26,27\text{-trihomo-}D_3$  (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.  
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  6. The method of claim 1, wherein the vitamin D analog is administered in combination with a bone agent, a cytotoxic agent, an immuno response regulating agent, an antiinflammatory agent or combinations thereof.  
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  7. The method of claim 1 wherein the vitamin D analog is administered orally in encapsulated form in a liquid vehicle ingestible by the dog.
  8. The method of claim 1, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 500 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.
  9. The method of claim 8, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 100 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.
  10. The method of claim 9, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 10 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.  
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11. The method of claim 9, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 1.0 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.

5 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the dog is fed a therapeutically efficacious dosage of a vitamin D analog.

13. A food for dogs comprising a vitamin D analog.

14. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is selected from the group consisting of  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2D_3$ ,  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-16-ene-23-yne-D_3$  (analog V), and  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-22,24\text{-diene-}24,26,27\text{-trihomo-}D_3$  (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.

10 15. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2D_3$  and stereoisomers thereof.

16. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-16-ene-23-yne-D_3$  (analog V) and stereoisomers thereof.

15 17. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is  $1\alpha,25-(OH)_2-22,24\text{-diene-}24,26,27\text{-trihomo-}D_3$  (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.